

A METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR BACKING UP STORAGE SYSTEM DATA

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention provides a method, a system and code for backing up information on a storage system, for example, a disk system, connected to a storage area network.

The host or server system off loads the task of backing up its data to the storage system that stores the data. In an exemplary embodiment a server sends an E-Copy command to
10 a disk system. Next, the disk system finds an available back-device, for example a tape or DLT library, and then backups the information indicated in the E-Copy command to the back-up device. A user interface is provided so that one or more path groups, comprising at least a target port and an initiator port, on a disk system may be designated.

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